

REMARKS

By the present amendment, Applicant proposes to cancel Claims 1-9. Upon entry of the proposed amendment, independent Claim 10, with Claims 11-20 depending therefrom will remain for consideration.

In the Final Office Action of October 26, 2004) the Examiner objected to the drawings as failing to show features of the invention specified in Claim 1. The Examiner also rejected Claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs, as being based on insufficient disclosure and being indefinite. Claims 1, 2, 8, and 9 stand finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Bowman et al. Claims 3-7 stand finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bowman et al. The cancellation of Claims 1-9 by the present amendment serves to render these particular grounds of rejection moot. The indication by the Examiner that Claims 10-20 were allowable over the prior art of record is noted with appreciation.

The proposed cancellation of Claims 1-9 by the present amendment should serve to render the objection to the drawings and the various ground of rejection moot. Upon entry of the amendment only the allowable Claims 10-20 remain in the application.

Applicants respectfully submit that the proposed amendments made herein properly respond to the outstanding Final Rejection and represent a *bona fide* effort to satisfactorily conclude the prosecution of this application.. Care has been exercised to ensure that no new matter has been introduced and that no new issues have been raised that would require further consideration or search. Accordingly, entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

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For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If such is not the case, the Examiner is requested to kindly contact the undersigned in an effort to satisfactorily conclude the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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